

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-6, 14-22, and 24-26. Because claims 14-20 have been previously cancelled, Applicants believe the Examiner meant to list only claims 1-6, 21-22, and 24-26 as allowed.

As a second preliminary matter, the text of the Specification has been amended to comply with the Examiner's request at the top of page 3 of the outstanding Office Action. This amendment is for clarification purposes only, and Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment, nor have any new issues been raised requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner.

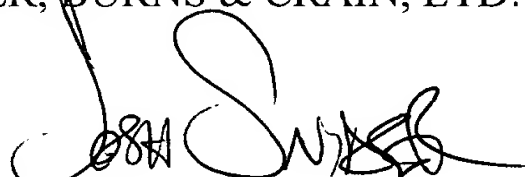
Claims 13 and 23 again stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of Lal, Bertero, and Okumura. Claims 13 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice herein, rendering this rejection now moot.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1-6, 21-22, and 24-26, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to again contact the undersigned attorney should she find that any further issues exist related to patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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